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AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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LENINGRAD FOR PSO, FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM

REF: STATE 193716

1. A VARIETY OF FACTORS LEAD POST TO FEEL VISIT OF SY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD NOT ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF EVASIVE DRIVING TECHNIQUES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE IN SOVIET UNION AND LIVE FIRING ALSO COULD NOT BE ARRANGED. POST ALSO CONCERNED OVER STRONG POSSIBILITY OF EMBARRASING PUBLICITY. WE HAVE LARGE AND ALERT RESIDENT U.S. PRESS CORPS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR MOVELTIES.

2. AS TERRORIST THREAT DOES NOT EXIST IN SOVIET UNION, THERE ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE SIGNIFICANT LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF POST PERSONNEL IN ATTENDING BRIEFINGS. ONLY AUDIENCE TEAM COULD BE ASSURED OF WOULD BE RSO, TSO AND MSGS. POST REALIZES FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS OF PERSONNEL CONSIDERED IN SY PROPOSAL TO BRIEF BUT FEEL LACK OF CONCERN OF POST PERSONNEL OVER SUBJECT WOULD RESULT IN VERY LOW ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES.

3. POST APPRECIATES SY'S EFFORT TO EDUCATE PERSONNEL ON WHAT WE KNOW TO BE EXCELLENT AND NECESSARY ADVICE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF FACTORS NOTED ABOVE WE RECOMMEND PROPOSED VISIT
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